



SPOT-FIN HAUL . . . Ray Hawkes, of Torrance Rod and Gun Club, displays 10 spot-fin he hauled in while fishing off Belmont Shores recently. Hawkes holds heaviest of the lot a five pound, five ounce catch.

## ROD & GUN Chatter

By DONNA BARKDULL

Fishing addicts had quite a flurry of action last week off the barge in Belmont Shores, when a school of unexpected spot-fin moved in, giving anglers a real jolt compared to the usually taken tom cod. Up until then, a few had been taken out of the surf at 54th St., Huntington Beach, a hit and miss situation.

Quite by accident, Ray Bleker and Barry Barnett stumbled across the fact that all on the Belmont Shore barge were getting limits. Ray and Barry gave it a whirl Wednesday, both limiting out on beauties. Barry's topped seven pounds and Ray's five pounds, five ounces, which are really nice spot-fin. A five pounder qualifies members of rod and gun clubs for buttons in the Burton Award Assn., the weight being above the average taken. Besides, limits of spot-fin are rare.

Not to be outdone, Helen, Marcella, Leon, and Tim Smith, along with Ray Beadle and myself, latched onto the first boat next morning heading for the barge. It poured buckets, but with the much sought after spot-fin waiting to be brought to gaff, no one cared. Actually, action was much slower than the previous days, but we all managed a few. Ray, top man with eight, headed by a five pound, two ounce. Helen was

next with six, none hitting the five pound mark. I only got three, but figured one going seven pounds, eight ounces was worth a couple of the smaller ones, besides making the Coast boys grow weak and turn a becoming shade of green, especially when they smiled.

According to the latest reports on the spot-fin, it looks as though they have moved on, only a couple of strays being picked up. Quite a bunch plan on giving it a try one night this week, also plan on throwing out a few stringer rigs, as Ray and Barry landed three monsters the same day they reaped their spot-fin. Barry's topped 68 pounds, Ray's 60 and 55 pounds.

Surf fishing about the same as has been. Huntington Beach messed up somewhat by an odd growth that has washed in. Hope it clears by Sunday for the inter-club Torrance Rod and Gun Perch Derby. Locally in front of the Riviera and vicinity, anglers are reaping limits of barred perch one night, not even getting a "ding" the next. One thing about it, bait is anything but scarce. Can easily scoop up your own at Nob Hill without the use of a net. Anyway, was possible the first part of the week. Probably the reason for the slack in action. Too much food around.

## Gardena Track Offers Midget Races Tonight

Tony Bettenhausen, the 1951 National Driving Champion from Tinley Park, Ill., will attempt to make it two Gardena Stadium main events in a row as he heads a 30-car field for tonight's traditional 150-lap Grand Prix Championship midget auto race at the 139th and Western oval.

Bettenhausen will be handling the hottest car on the local 3-A midget circuit, the yellow No. 5 Danny Quella Offy from Inglewood. Cal Niday won a pair in this car, plus a second and a fourth, while Tony has a pair of victories.

Bettenhausen, who finished second at Indianapolis this year, will clash with such other "500" veterans as Johnnie Parsons, 1950 winner from Van Nuys; Walt Faulkner, Long Beach; Frank Arm, North Hollywood; Johnny Boyd, Fresno; Jimmy Reese, Ray Crawford, Mexican Road Race victor from Pasadena; Johnnie Tolan, Norwalk; Rodger Ward, Los Angeles; Danny Oakes, Beverly Hills, and from Paocima, Bill Moneier and Jimmy Davis.

Other top chauffeurs going for a crack at managing director J. C. Agajanian's guaranteed purse of \$2,000 against 40% of the gate include "Bullet" Joe Garson, Eagle Rock; Edgar Elder, Rex Easton, Bob Velth, Howard Kelley, Santa Monica, and Dempsey Wilson, Lawndale, who won the April 150-lapper.

## ECC's Nicholson Nabs Conference Scoring Honors

El Camino Quarterback Jerry Nicholson won the Metropolitan Conference football scoring title, scoring 37 points in seven league games to edge out East LA's Chuck Perry by a single digit.

Nicholson, the former Hawthorne High whiz, tallied six touchdowns and a single conversion. Perry had six touchdowns for 36 total points.

Leon Bulmer and Chuck Ellis, of Bakersfield JC, and Dick Windham, of Metro Champions Valley JC, all had 30 points.

Don Kulpaka, with 18, and Ed Schoolcraft, with 12 were other top scorers for second place El Camino.

## TAPIA, BUTTS TOP LIONS DRAG RACES

Two Torrance drivers, Bob Tapia and Lonnie Butts, dragged to score heavily in drag racing competition at the Lions Associated Drag Strip, as they both came through with wins Sunday.

Tapia took the Class B Street Roadster drag with a top clocking of 97.71 miles per hour.

Butts was timed at 112.78 miles per hour in winning the Class A Modified Roadster driving.

## PREP, JC FOOTBALL LOG

(All records final, except El Camino, which meets Phoenix JC today.)

NORTH HIGH		EL SEGUNDO		LEUZINGER	
13 Artesia	20	43 Harvard	0	0 San Bernardino	25
6 El Cajon	20	10 Harvard Beach	14	0 Paramount	14
6 San Marino	25	25 St. Monica	0	14 Westchester	21
0 Morningside	23	12 Beverly Hills	32	13 El Cajon	12
6 Morningside	23	0 Culver City	28	14 Redondo	12
7 Beverly Hills	34	13 Hawthorne	20	7 Torrance	14
4 Chaminade	42	12 Morningside	27	0 Mira Costa	14
6 El Segundo	14	14 North High	6	6 Centennial	23
61 Total	254	157 Total	137	6 Inglewood	50
HAWTHORNE		TORRANCE		INGLEWOOD	
6 Santa Monica	7	7 Glendale Hoover	31	0 Paramount	14
26 Burroughs	14	6 L.B. Wilson	27	13 Loyola	4
6 Hawthorne	21	10 Culver City	12	0 Santa Monica	40
0 Culver City	23	19 Ventura	27	14 Burroughs	20
26 Hawthorne	21	6 Redondo	13	12 Torrance	7
20 El Segundo	18	21 Leuzinger	7	8 Centennial	4
0 Beverly Hills	16	0 Centennial	53	37 Redondo	15
1 Morningside	12	13 Mira Costa	37	20 Leuzinger	12
132 Total	117	86 Total	207	120 Total	153
MORNINGSIDE		REDONDO		SERRA	
7 Bellflower	20	22 Santa Paula	19	26 Barstow	15
7 Claremont	7	0 Redondo	19	0 Fontana	14
14 Narbonne	0	0 Beverly Hills	16	13 Notre Dame	4
34 Fillmore	18	13 Bellflower	12	2 St. Anthony	52
32 North High	6	6 Leuzinger	14	6 Cathedral	18
7 Beverly Hills	18	6 Mira Costa	0	7 Mt. Carmel	10
20 Culver City	42	12 Redondo	27	0 Central	44
27 El Segundo	13	0 Torrance	0	21 Loyola	53
12 Hawthorne	21	7 Centennial	28	112 Total	210
167 Total	112	73 Total	134	140 Total	127
CULVER CITY		MIRA COSTA		HARBOR TECH JC	
47 Culver City	6	6 Kettle	0	0 Porterville	6
49 Santa Fe	0	12 Santa Monica	28	0 East LA JC	0
14 Bell Gardens	20	0 Gardena	0	14 East LA JC	13
48 Harvard	0	21 Rosewater	13	12 Bakerfield JC	24
28 Hawthorne	0	7 Centennial	21	13 Long Beach CC	12
38 El Segundo	0	13 Inglewood	6	18 LA Valley JC	7
21 Morningside	20	14 Leuzinger	0	2 El Camino	22
42 North High	6	13 Inglewood	13	104 Total	127
14 Beverly Hills	21	27 Torrance	28	110 Total	131
305 Total	67	110 Total	108	20 Total	14
BEVERLY HILLS		CENTENNIAL		EL CAMINO	
7 So. Pasadena	0	0 St. Anthony	3	14 LA JC	14
6 Santa Paula	6	7 Compton	3	3 Monaca	6
6 Redondo	12	20 Los Angeles	25	13 San Diego JC	6
32 El Segundo	14	21 Mira Costa	10	0 Bakerfield JC	2
14 Inglewood	7	8 Inglewood	6	18 LA Valley JC	7
34 North High	7	23 Torrance	0	20 Santa Monica	0
6 Hawthorne	18	33 Leuzinger	4	22 Harbor Tech JC	2
21 Culver City	15	28 Redondo	6	18 LA Valley JC	2
190 Total	64	156 Total	65	167 Total	69

## Tartar B, C Teams Face Lynwood

Under the direction of Jim Ralston, the Torrance High Bee and Cee basketball squads are preparing for their encounter Tuesday with Lynwood on the local hardwoods.

The Tartarbees and Cees have 21 games lined up for the 1955-56 season, with the Bees teaming with the Varsity on two occasions to run their total of contests to 23.

All games are of the afternoon variety, with the exception of the Dec. 16 date with Redlands here, and the Jan. 27 meeting with Santa Fe of Whittier, also here.

**BEE, CEE SCHEDULE**

Nov. 29—Lynwood  
Dec. 2—Bellflower  
Dec. 6—at Newport  
Dec. 9—at Rosemead  
Dec. 16—Redlands  
Dec. 16—Culver City  
Jan. 6—at El Segundo  
Jan. 10—at Santa Monica  
Jan. 13—Redondo  
Jan. 17—Leuzinger  
Jan. 20—at Inglewood  
Jan. 24—at Bell Gardens  
Jan. 27—El Segundo  
Jan. 31—at Morningside  
Feb. 3—at Hawthorne  
Feb. 10—Culver City  
Feb. 10—at Pasadena  
Feb. 17—Beverly Hills  
Feb. 17—at El Segundo  
Feb. 24—Centennial  
\*—Denotes Bay League game.  
\*—Bee game only.

## NHS Bees, Cees Play Full Slate

North High Bee and Cee cagers have only three practice tilts before jumping into Pioneer League competition on Jan. 13.

Pre-league frays with Leuzinger, Dec. 8, and Artesia, Dec. 9, have been set-up in Torrance, while Saxon Bee and Cee cagers travel to Leuzinger, Jan. 6, for their final practice fray.

Pioneer play starts Jan. 13, at Hawthorne.

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## Torrance Douglas Employee Now Skates with Roller Derby Team

"You don't like roller derby because you could never become a skater," the mother of Bob Venter, 7165 Orange Ave., Long Beach, shouted.

Bob, who is a member of the plastics department at Douglas Torrance, was an avid basketball fan in 1949. This was one of many heated arguments with his family over whether to watch basketball games or roller derby on television.

Not one to pass up a challenge, he decided to show them. He entered roller derby tryouts for the Philadelphia Panthers and, much to his parents' amazement, was successful in making the team. He stayed with them until he was drafted in the Army in Dec. 1951.

He started his comeback in 1953 with the New York Chiefs. After touring the nation for two years, Bob decided to settle down in Southern California. His skating now is confined to weekends with the Chiefs at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles and Lane Field in San Diego. Roller Derby fans can see him on television during these contests. Last year he skated with the All-Star team in Long Beach and was a high scorer.

Venter is well known for his famous hip block. "It takes a lot of ambition, heart, and a desire to win to make a good skater," Bob said. "Many good flat track skaters are lost on a banked track."

**Comes Off Bench**  
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During World War II he saw service in the South Pacific, Alaska and South Africa. Needless to say, he was pleased to report back to his former job in Compton in the summer of 1945. After completing his installation training he worked in that capacity for about one year. He was then transferred to the Test Center where orders for service are routed and processed. He has had many assignments preparing him for his present job; among which was the installation of equipment in our building here in Torrance which enabled our customers to dial into an enlarged dialing area and which will ultimately lead into cross-country dialing.

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